

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 477

February 4, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes law enforcement officers to carry handguns in posted areas. Requires notices of the prohibition of firearms to include the phrase, "All law enforcement officers are exempt."

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1350, any law enforcement officer may carry firearms at all times and in all places within Tennessee, on-duty or off-duty, regardless of the officer's regular duty hours or assignments. The exceptions to this include:
 - Officers who are not engaged in the actual discharge of official duties as a law enforcement officer and carry a firearm onto school grounds or inside a school building during regular school hours unless the officer immediately informs the principal that the officer will be present on school grounds or inside the school building and in possession of a firearm. If the principal is unavailable, the notice may be given to an appropriate administrative staff person in the principal's office;
 - Officers who are consuming beer or an alcoholic beverage or who are under the influence of beer, an alcoholic beverage, or a controlled substance; or
 - Officers who are not engaged in the actual discharge of official duties as a law enforcement officer while attending a judicial proceeding.
- Specifying that law enforcement officers are authorized to carry handguns into corporations, business entities, or local, state, or federal government entities which prohibit the possession of weapons by any person who is at a meeting conducted by, or on property owned, operated, or managed or under the control of the individual, corporation, business entity, or government entity, or on public parks, playgrounds, civic centers, or other public recreational buildings and grounds, whether the officer is on duty or not, will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.
- Given the size requirements for prohibition notice signs, the majority of such new signs will be laminated paper signs using standard size (8.5" x 11") paper stock produced with color copiers and laminating machines. The cost for any state or local government entity to post a new sign is estimated to be not significant and can be accomplished within existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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